

# Haier Bangladesh holds ‘Partner Meet-2025’

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Haier, a leading home appliances brand in the world, organised its “Partner Meet-2025” in Bangladesh yesterday.

The event brought together key stakeholders, distributors, and business partners from across the country.

Wang Xiangjing, deputy managing director of Haier Bangladesh Ltd, inaugurated the event, said a press release.

“We wanted this year’s ‘Partner Meet’ to go beyond a traditional business gathering and create a space where our partners could see, touch, and experience the innovation that makes Haier the global leader in home appliances,” said Xiangjing.

The programme featured an impressive exhibition of Haier’s cutting-edge product range, including the 1st air purifying AC

in Bangladesh, T3 Inverter, biggest drum washing machines, cutting-edge QD mini LED TV, -30-degree real freezer, premium refrigerator, and smart appliances that are transforming modern living.

Attendees explored interactive demonstrations and participated in experiments that highlighted the superior performance, advanced features, and sustainability of Haier’s products.

The event’s interactive elements were met with enthusiasm and praise from Haier’s partners.

The programme also looked towards the future, highlighting the brand’s focus on sustainability, digital transformation, and user-centric solutions.

Haier Bangladesh will be dedicated to creating smarter, more connected, and eco-friendly appliances to improve the daily lives of Bangladeshis.



PHOTO: HAIER BANGLADESH

Wang Xiangjing, deputy managing director of Haier Bangladesh Limited, poses for photographs with participants of the “Partner Meet-2025” in Dhaka yesterday.

# Southeast Bank, AUST to strengthen ties for education and development

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A delegation led by Prof Golam Rahman, president of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and chairman of the trustee board of the Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology (AUST), recently made a courtesy call on MA Kashem, chairman of Southeast Bank, at the bank’s head office in Dhaka.

The primary aim of the meeting was to enhance mutual trust and banking relations between the two institutions, as well as to explore new opportunities to link the bank’s financial services with the academic environment of the university.

During the visit, the delegation commended Southeast Bank for its contributions to education, health, and poverty alleviation, and praised the quality of the bank’s financial services.

Southeast Bank Chairman Kashem emphasised the bank’s commitment



PHOTO: SOUTHEAST BANK

MA Kashem, chairman of Southeast Bank, poses for photographs with a visiting delegation led by Prof Golam Rahman, president of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and chairman of the trustee board of Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology, at the bank’s head office in Dhaka recently.

to supporting the socio-economic development of the country, stating: “Education and human resource development are crucial for long-term

national progress, and we will continue to extend our support to achieve this goal.”

Prof Rahman expressed his appreciation for Southeast Bank’s support, saying: “Dhaka Ahsania Mission and Ahsanullah University of Science and Technology are dedicated to advancing education in the country, with the help of institutions like Southeast Bank.”

Nuruddin Md Sadeque Hossain, managing director of the bank, Abidur Rahman Chowdhury and Masum Uddin Khan, deputy managing directors, AFM Golam Sharfuddin, general secretary of Dhaka Ahsania Mission and member of the Trustee Board of AUST, Mohammad Mohiuddin, member of the Trustee Board of AUST, and Prof Md Ashraf Haque, vice-chancellor of AUST, along with other senior officials from all the institutions, were also present.

# Midland Bank organises agent banking conference



Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director and CEO of Midland Bank, poses for group photographs with participants of the “Annual Agent Banking Conference 2025” at the Lakeshore Hotel in the capital’s Gulshan recently.

PHOTO: MIDLAND BANK

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Midland Bank PLC recently organised the “Annual Agent Banking Conference 2025” at the Lakeshore Hotel in the capital’s Gulshan.

Md Ahsan-uz Zaman, managing director and CEO of the bank, presided over the conference, the bank said in a press release.

Agent owners and representatives from all 140 Agent Banking Centres of the bank participated in the daylong conference.

Ahsan Khan Chowdhury, sponsor and director of the bank and chairman of Pran-RFL Group, attended the event.

The bank awarded top performers for their outstanding performances in different categories.

The lender launched its first Agent Banking Centre in Tarabo, Rupganj, Narayanganj, on January 23, 2017, to bring modern banking services to the unbanked masses.

Currently, the bank operates 140 Agent Banking Centres in 29 districts and 71 upazilas across the country.

Among others, Md Zahid Hossain, deputy managing director of the bank, and Javed Tarek Khan, head of the institutional banking division, were also present.

# EBL workshop focuses on NBFIs financial disclosures

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A workshop on “Sustainability and Climate-Related Financial Disclosures” for senior executives of non-banking financial institutions (NBFIs) was held at Eastern Bank’s head office in Dhaka recently.

It was the second day of the two-day workshop organised by the Joint Impact Model (JIM) Foundation with the support of Bangladesh Bank, UK International Development, British International Investment, and Eastern Bank PLC (EBL).

The workshop focused on fostering sustainable financial practices in Bangladesh and ensuring long-term economic and environmental resilience, according to a press release.

Participants from the NBFIs took part in the workshop.

# EV sales dropped in Europe in 2024

AFP, Paris

Sales of electric cars slid last year in Europe in an otherwise stable market, data from carmakers showed Tuesday.

A total of 1.99 million battery electric vehicles were sold in Europe last year, a drop of 1.3 percent from 2023, according to data from the European Automobile Manufacturers Association (ACEA).

The figures represent a stall after several years of strong growth for electric vehicles (EVs) in Europe, and raise questions about the transition away from internal combustion engine (ICE) vehicles.

According to data published last week by the Rho Motion consultancy, EV sales rose 25 percent globally last year thanks to a surge in China.

According to ACEA data, overall car sales edged 0.9 percent higher in Europe – including Britain, Iceland, Norway and Switzerland, to just shy of 13 million.

“Battery-electric cars remained the third-most-popular choice for buyers in 2024,” the ACEA said in its monthly report on sales figures.

Cars with petrol engines accounted for one in three new cars sold last year, followed closely by simple hybrids with 30.9 percent market share. Plug-in hybrids accounted for another 7.1 percent of sales.

Fully battery-electric vehicles accounted for 13.6 percent of total sales in 2024, a drop from 14.6 percent market share in 2023.

Sales of EVs, which are more expensive than ICE vehicles, are still highly dependent upon incentives.

PRICES OF KEY ESSENTIALS IN DHAKA CITY			
	PRICE (JAN 21, 2024)	% CHANGES FROM A MONTH AGO	% CHANGE FROM A YEAR AGO
Fine rice (kg)	Tk 70-Tk 84	4.05 ↑	12.41 ↑
Coarse rice (kg)	Tk 54-Tk 58	6.67 ↑	9.80 ↑
Loose flour (kg)	Tk 40-Tk 45	0	-10.53 ↓
Lentil (kg)	Tk 105-Tk 110	0	0
Soybean (litre)	Tk 170-Tk 172	4.27 ↑	8.57 ↑
Potato (kg)	Tk 25-Tk 40	-53.57 ↓	-27.78 ↓
Onion (kg)	Tk 50-Tk 70	-40.00 ↓	-14.29 ↓
Egg (4 pcs)	Tk 44-Tk 48	-3.16 ↓	5.75 ↑
SOURCE: TCB			

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The following e-Tender is invited in the National e-GP System Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)):

Sl. No.	Tender ID	Brief Description of Tender	Publication Date	Last Selling Date & Time	Opening Date
1	1059507	Supply of Miscellaneous Valves, Expansion joints, Fittings and Spares for Firefighting system	13-Jan-2025	11-Feb-2025 15:00 PM	12-Feb-2025

This is an online tender where only e-Tender will be accepted in the National e-GP Portal and no offline/hard copies will be accepted. To submit e-Tender, registration in the National e-GP System Portal ([www.eprocure.gov.bd](http://www.eprocure.gov.bd)) is required. Further information and guidelines are available in the National e-GP System Portal and e-GP Help Desk ([helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd](mailto:helpdesk@eprocure.gov.bd)).

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SL No	Tender ID	Package No.	Name of work	e-Tender last selling date & time	e-Tender closing date & time
1	104677 1	prokou/civil/D U/ 2024-25/02	Construction for RCC Road between Arts Building and Lecture Theater Building up to Madhur Canteen area University of Dhaka	05-02-2025 17.00	06-02-2025 13.00

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**Wanted**

**UNIVERSITY OF DHAKA:** Applications in prescribed form, obtainable from the office of the Registrar, are invited from the Bangladeshi nationals for filling up 1 (One) permanent post of Associate Professor in the Department of International Relations, University of Dhaka in the pay scale of Tk. 50,000-71,200/- (National Pay Scale-2015).

**Qualifications for Associate Professor:** Candidates must have high academic qualifications along with a Ph.D. in International Relations from a reputed university. They must have at least 07 (seven) years of teaching experience at a university or at least 14 (fourteen) years research experience as a research/scientific officer or an equivalent position in reputed research organizations. Candidates shall require at least 07 (seven) research publications in the indexed/quality journal with DOI (Digital Object Identifier). Articles published in predatory journals will not be accepted. Relevant notes and conditions apply. (For details, see the Dhaka University Website).

Eleven copies of application together with attested copies of certificates, testimonials, mark-sheets/grade sheets and proof of experience along with a Pay Order/Bank Draft of the value of **Tk. 1000/- (One thousand)** only, payable to the **Registrar**, should reach him on or before 20.02.2025. Candidates already in service must apply through proper channel.

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